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Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-1618P2C17
Serial No.: 09/904,838 Group Art Unit: 1647
Filing Date: July 13, 2001 Examiner: David S. Romeo
For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS: NO-FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 9, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is filed within the three month shortened statutory period set for the response.

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